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A Model for Education Reform

USAID Provides a Model for Education Reform in Kazakhstan



Students in nearly 800 schools across Kazakhstan learn civics from textbooks developed by USAID's program.

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USAID's Civic Education Program was recently invited to make a presentation on its Civic Education course and textbook to Kazakhstan's education officials, experts, and

specialists who are designing the reform of the country's education system. In an effort to modernize the education system in Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Education would like to use many of the elements of the civic education textbook and methodology as a model for developing new courses and textbooks for all subject areas. The participants of the presentation concluded that Civic Education should be included as one of the core components of the "Social Science" block that will be mandatory for all students from grades five to twelve.

The USAID-supported Civic Education textbook for 9th, 10th, and 11th grades is currently used in nearly 800 schools in all 14 oblasts of Kazakhstan. The textbook and the course were developed as part of USAID's Civic Education Program, implemented by IFES.